

# **Safety Officer Exercise Drills**

## **Exercise 4**

### **Filling out a NFIRS Fire Service Casualty Report**

#### **Purpose**

An important responsibility of the Safety Officer is to document any injuries that occur in the fire service. It is important that the Safety Officer conduct a complete investigation of all injuries that occur to fire service personnel while involved in a fire service function. The Safety Officer should be familiar with filling out the NFIRS-5 Fire Service Casualty Report for any injuries to fire service personnel.

#### **Directions**

The student will be given the assignment of completing a NFIRS-5 Fire Service Casualty Report for the following accident scenario. The Evaluator will provide the students with the form and supporting documents to complete the report. The report shall be filled out clearly and correctly. All information for the report is included in the information below.

#### **Firefighter incident**

You are the Safety Officer for A Shift. During your shift you respond to an incident involving an injured firefighter. You have gathered the following information on the incident and now you are required to fill out the NFIRS-5 Fire Service Casualty Report form.

Incident #412 occurred at 1435 hours on Tuesday, March 20, 2010, at 105 South Main Street, Mint, Indiana. Engine 2, Truck 5, and Battalion 1 respond to smoke in a single story residential. Engine 2 arrived on the scene at 1441 hours and reported a small fire on the C side of the structure. Truck 5 arrived on the scene two minutes after Engine 2. Truck 5's crew includes Captain Jim Pool, Driver Pat Long, Firefighter Rusty Sparks, and Firefighter Mike Smith. Truck 5's crew was assigned to ventilate the roof over the fire. Firefighter Rusty Sparks and FF Smith placed a 24' foot extension ladder to the side of the structure and were placing a roof ladder onto the roof. FF Smith was at the top of the ladder just above the roof line and Firefighter Sparks was heeling the ladder on the ground. As FF Smith slid the roof ladder up the roof the ladder slipped out of his hands and slid down and off the roof. FF Sparks was struck by the ladder as it fell from the roof. FF Sparks suffered injuries to his right shoulder, right arm and back. He fell to the ground after being hit by the ladder. Captain Pool observed the incident from about fifteen feet away. FF Sparks received treatment at the scene and then transported to the local hospital for further treatment. He was released from the hospital later in the evening and placed on limited or light duty for 10 days. Captain Pool reports that FF Sparks and FF Smith were in full turnout gear with SCBA. They were on air at the time of the injury. Captain Pool also reports that this is the fourth response his crew has had on this shift. They had responded to a major vehicle accident, and two false alarms at the local motel. The weather for this incident: partly cloudy, 25

degrees, winds out of the north at 10 mph. The ground was soft due to recent rains and thawing of the ground.

The following information will be needed to fill out the NFIRS report.

FDID: 99911

Exposures: 1

FF Sparks date of birth: March 16, 1988

Responses: 3

The NFIRS – 5 form and reference guide is made available with the course materials or through your local fire department.